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MECHANIZATION INCREASES;
OTHER IMPROVEMENTS NOTED

BOSNIA GETS LARGEST MOUNTAIN STOCK FARM -- Borba, No 178, 28 Jul 49

The "Vojin Zircjevic" State Farm, the largest mountain stock farm in Yugoslavia, is being built in the Kupresko Polje, about 10 kilometers from Kupres in Bosnia. The farm occupies 27,000 hectares, including pasture, meadow, and woodland and over 6,000 hectares of planted area.

The farm will have a capacity of about 80,000 sheep, 5,000 - 6,000 cattle, 2,000 horses, and 2,000 hogs. Great quantities of milk and dairy products, meat and meat products, wool, high-grade breeding stock, and miscellaneous agricultural products will be produced there for the market.

Factories for processing dried meat products and other livestock products will be built later.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING IN SERBIA -- Rad, No 177, 27 Jul 49

This fall 115,000 more sheep will be artificially inseminated in Serbia alone than in all Yugoslavia last year. This fall 85,000 sheep will be crossed with merino, karakul, and other breeds. Most of them will be inseminated on state farms. In all Serbia 180 insemination stations have been established. Sufficient equipment and trained personnel are available.

INCREASES NUMBER OF TRACTORS -- Politika, No 13315, 13 Aug 49

The number of tractors in Yugoslavia has increased by 107 percent over the prewar period. In Macedonia there are six times more threshing machines than before the war. The number of reapers is 212 percent greater and the number of planters is 150 percent greater than before the war.

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During this year's sowing and cultivation of cotton in Macedonia, 95 percent of the land was worked by machines. Over 17,200 tractors are now used on state farms and farm cooperatives in Croatia. Hand plows have been almost completely abandoned. There are 350,000 plows in Croatia.

In mountain regions, where conditions for the introduction of mechanization are difficult, small threshing machines, mowers, and other machines have begun to arrive. Hoeing of potatoes with machines built in the Osijek foundry was announced for the first time last year. There are now 104 agricultural machine stations, which last year cultivated over a million hectares. They have about 3,500 tractors and over 15,000 large machines worked by 650 work brigades.

DELIVERS NEW FARM MACHINE -- Borba, No 175, 25 Jul 49

The agricultural machinery factory in Maribor has delivered its first series of Drava motor-driven hay-cutters to Yugoslav cooperatives within the last few days. The hay-cutters have a capacity of 1,500 kilograms per hour. This machine is not inferior to the best European machines of the kind ever imported.

NEW FARM MACHINERY MADE IN SLAVONIA -- Borba, No 174, 24 Jul 49

The foundry in Osijek is now serially producing several entirely new types of farm machinery never before made in Yugoslavia. These include threshers for flax, potato-planting machines, grinders for castor beans, and cultivators.

NEW FIGURES ON FARM COLLECTIVIZATION -- Politika, No 13311, and 13315, 8 and 13 Aug 49

Whereas on 1 January 1948 there were 1,318 farm workers' cooperatives in Yugoslavia, by 10 July there were 4,568 cooperatives, with a membership of 226,351 families and 1,253,116 hectares of land.

There are now 183 large state farms and many smaller ones in Yugoslavia.

MORE COOPERATIVES IN MONTENEGRO -- Borba, No 191, 13 Aug 49

Montenegro now has 334 farm workers' cooperatives, with a membership of 16,803 families out of a total population of 55,000 families. About 6,080 families have joined committees to make preparations for the formation of new cooperatives this season.

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